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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Home Office makes the following announcement:

In accordance with the desire of the King that Thursday, September 3, being the third anniversary of the outbreak of the war, shall be observed as a National Day of Prayer and Dedication, arrangements are being made to enable the national response to be as widespread as possible.

Special services will be held in churches of all denominations throughout the country.

Arrangements have also been made to broadcast the religious service from 11 o'clock to 11.15 a.m. In order that an opportunity of participating in this short service may be given to as many persons as possible, employers are asked to allow workers, so far as ^{they} be practicable, opportunities of listening where loud-speaker installations exist at their place of employment. It is not desired, however, that this should interfere with participation in any special works service during the same period which may be locally arranged.

The Service Departments will endeavour to secure, having regard to the exigencies of service, that the members of the Forces are enabled to listen to the broadcast at 11 a.m., or to attend any service that may be arranged by the chaplains. Civil servants are being allowed, so far as is practicable the opportunity of listening to the morning service during office hours. It is hoped that where circumstances permit a similar opportunity to hear the broadcast may be given to school children by the school authorities.

The B.B.C. will also broadcast at 12 noon a ten minute talk by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham.

In the evening from 9.20 p.m. to 10.20 p.m. there will be a broadcast service jointly conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

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